

A Full and True  
**RELATION**  
OF THE  
**APPREHENSION**  
OF

Five several Persons

That are Committed to

**NEWGATE,**

Upon Suspition of Robbing the

**Lord High Chancellor**

Of *ENGLAND.*

Taking from him the Mace and the two Privy  
Purses, on Tuesday night, the Sixth of *Feb.*

1677. The Persons were of two Sexes,  
Three Men, and Two Women.

As also the manner of their taking, being disco-  
vered by a Servant-Maid where they lodged  
in *Knight-Riders-Street*, neer *Doctors-commons.*

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sion of Five several persons that are com-  
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land.

**S**ince Man First fell from the State of Innocency,  
and Incorporated upon the succeeding Gene-  
rations, Original Sin, our great Enemy the  
Devil has been very vigilant in endeavouring how  
to ensnare Man-kind with diversity of temptations;  
that one bait failing, he tryes another, till at last it  
catches, being still industrious to add more Subjects  
to his Kingdom.

The lucre of Money is a grand and bellish tem-  
ptation, which many to obtain do bring themselves to  
utter Confusion, some by Robbing on the High-  
way, others by committing Burglary, breaking into  
Houses, and all to enrich themselves with what does  
properly appertain to other Men.



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My present business is to demonstrate unto you the manner of the Apprehension of Five Persons which are now in Newgate upon Suspition of taking away the Mace and two Privy Purfes from the Lord High Chancellour of England, on Tuesday Night, being the Sixth of this Instant February, One thousand six hundred seventy seven, and were apprehended the Saturday next following.

The manner of their Apprehension was thus. Some of the head of the gang had taken a Lodging in Knight-Riders-Street, neer Doctors-commons; and there in a closet they had lodged the Mace and Purfes.

A Servant-Maid going up in their absence to make the bed, saw some silver Spangles scattered about the Room, which she with no small joy pickt up, not knowing from whence they should proceed, at length it came into her mind to peep into the closet which was lockt, however she could look through the Key-hole, and peeping there she chanced to espy the upper end of the Mace, but knew not what it was; however she thought it could not be amiss to inform her  
Mistress



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Mistress of what she had seen; crying, *Mrs. Yonders the Kings Crown in the closet.*

The admiring Mistress being something surprized at the Maids Relation, as also having no good opinion of her new Lodgers, makes hast (good VVoman) and goes to the closet door where the Maid told her she saw the Crown, and looking through the Key-hole, she soon discerned that it was not a Crown, but a Mace; whereupon she charged her Maid to be silent (which is a great vertue in that Sex) and having heard that such a thing was lost, sends immediately away to acquaint my Lord Chancellour that the Mace was in her House; upon which information, a VVarrant was soon granted, and Officers sent to Mr. *Thomas Northy*, Constable of *Queen-hive-VVard*, who with a sufficient assistance went into *Knight-Riders-street* to their Lodging, and very luckily found them there altogether, debating how they should dispose of the Plate, but that debate was soon at an end.

Five persons were apprehended, viz. three  
Men.



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men and two VVomen, whom they carried before the Right VVorshipful Sir *William Turner*, who after Examination committed them to Newgate; where they are like to remain till the next Sessions, and then to be tryed for the fact aforesaid.

Thus you may see that the Devil, (the author of all villanies, who first allures them to commit the fact, perswading them they may proceed with safety and without any danger) is a Lyar as he was from the begining, for but few continue long in their rogueries before they are discovered, and an untimely period put to their days. This audacious Burglary you find was discovered in the space of four days time, though some of them, as tis said, are no Novices in such villanies, for they have experienc'd Newgate's fetters, more then once or twice; especially one of them, who has twice been sentenc'd, but yet Remains to take another Tryal. And one thing more you may Observe, which in my Opinion is very Remarkable, that (for the most part) you shall not hear of



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of any of these Roberries or Burglaries, but that a Woman has either a hand sn it, or is the Occasion of it, as you may perceive by these suspected Fellons, that amongst Five Persons there happens to be two of the Female sort, happy is the man that never knew any of them; Except the Virtuous; for a Vicious woman is Destructive to Body and Soul, to those that have any concerne with them; and may properly be termed, *Fundamenta Malorum*.

But since it happens that some men are drawn aside by the Temptations of women and the Devil to act such hainous Crimes which brings them to Ruine and Destruction, let Dreadful Examples past and gone strike such Terror upon those that yet survive, that they may fear to misdeemean themselves, or to act in any wise contrary to Law and a good Conscience: and let those that are or have been Guilty of any Crimes of the like Nature, with an Humble and Contrite heart make a Cordial and Speedy



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Speedy Repentance to God their Creator  
before it is too late, for with him is Mer-  
cy as well as Judgement.

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